

C.P.R. FIGHTS MINERAL TAX ACT

Labor Lawyer Shot



George R. Andersen, lawyer for many west coast CIO unions, was shot and clubbed by two masked robbers who entered his downtown San Francisco office. Along with other members of the firm, he was forced to lie down on the floor and empty his pockets of personal identification papers. Since the thieves seemed more interested in the papers than in money, it is believed other motives than robbery were behind the incident. Andersen is in the hospital.

PERSONAL STUFF BY E. E. R.

My invitation came too late. Seemingly the chance to meet the officers and directors of Gold-Uranium Exploration Limited at an informal gathering in their suite in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on Sunday, January 11th, just in case you haven't heard about Gold-Uranium Exploration Limited, it is the company of which Mr. Gene Tunney is president and of which our own fellow Albertan, Mr. Solon E. Low, M.P., is a director. Before you start remembering some of the things Mr. Abernethy (and maybe Mr. Low) was saying a dozen years ago, it only fair to remind you that Mr. Low has recently told reporters that although he still doesn't believe in the Gold Standard, we do need a lot of gold to fill teeth! Anyway, I hope the next time Mr. Low's Gold-Uranium company is having one of those "informal" Sunday afternoon affairs, at which cocktails and buffet supper will be served, he'll see that I get my invitation on time. It would be almost worth the price of the plane fare to Toronto to see the Social Credit leader in the role of one of the "Big Shots!"

Yes, the boys have come a long way. Last week the Social Credit Premier of the province was the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, on the subject: The Challenge to Free Enterprise. (Continued on Page 8)

CCF Leader Comment on LPP Switch

OTTAWA—In 1945 the leaders of the Communist Labor Progressive Party called upon their followers to support Prime Minister Mackenzie King and the Liberal Party. Last week the party line took another of its frequent hairpin turns when Tim Buck said the Labor Progressives would support the C.C.F. in coming elections.

M. J. Coldwell, National Leader of the C.C.F., made it clear that there would not be any collaboration between the C.C.F. and the Communists, directly or indirectly.

"There is a fundamental difference between the C.C.F. methods and philosophy and those of the Communists", Mr. Coldwell said in a statement issued in Ottawa. "We have always opposed, and oppose today, every form of dicta-

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M. J. Coldwell On Citizens Forum

OTTAWA (CPA)—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. National Leader, will take part in a Citizens' Forum broadcast on February 4th, exchanging views with the Liberal and Conservative spokesmen on the topic, "How is Canadian External Policy Made?—Are We Satisfied With It?"

Walter Harris, M.P. will interpret the government's policy and Gordon Graydon, M.P., will bring Conservative opinion to the discussion. The broadcast will originate in Ottawa.

Citizen's Forum is heard over the Mountain network at 9:00 p.m.

NOT HOPEFUL OVER PRICE CURB MOVE

OTTAWA (CPA)—No great enthusiasm has been aroused by Mackenzie King's typical move to cope with rising prices through a Parliamentary Investigating Committee. Housewives feel that they have personally done all the "investigating" required to reach the conclusion that living costs are very, very high.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. National Leader, said that while his party would co-operate with the Committee, he hoped the move announced by the Prime Minister would not delay really effective action by the government, to halt the spiral of inflation and still rising living costs.

"What we need today are really effective price controls and the renewal of subsidies," M. J. Coldwell said.

Coldwell Radio Talk On Thursday

M. J. Coldwell, M.P., will be the speaker in "The Nation's Business" CBC feature on Thursday, February 5, when he will discuss "World Reconstruction for Peace". This broadcast will be relayed from CBC and CICA Edmonton, at 10:15 p.m. CFAC, Calgary, is also scheduled to carry the broadcast.

Calgary C.C.F. Candidates



GEORGE ELLINSON

George Ellinson, A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A., and Mrs. Mary Alberta Hart were the three candidates chosen by the Calgary C.C.F. nominating convention on Friday of last week. Mr. Liesemer, a high school teacher at Crescent Heights, is well known to Alberta people for his effective work in the Legislature. Mr. Ellinson, who has been prominently associated with the C.C.F. for a number of years, is a railway worker. Mrs. Hart, vice-president of the Calgary C.C.F. is secretary-treasurer of the Calgary Council of Home and School Associations.



A. J. E. LIESEMER, M.L.A.

Roper Says Alberta Loses Millions As Result Of Oil Policy

RADIO FUND GETS MUCH NEEDED LIFT

The \$92 recorded below will pay for this week's broadcasts and just about make up the deficit incurred during the past two weeks. It requires a minimum of \$60 a week to pay for the five-minute C.C.F. broadcasts on the four Alberta stations, and to make up the deficit of the past two months, contributions should total at least \$80 a week. This shouldn't prove too much of a burden on C.C.F.'ers throughout the province if every member and supporter sends in a contribution regularly. Let's make up the deficit and get "all square" again!

- A. C. Falconer, \$1.00; Mrs. Edna Adamson, \$1.00; Mrs. B. M. Olson, \$1.00; Mrs. Elsa Weiss, \$1.00; Mrs. Jennie Isakson, \$1.00; Mrs. Annie Beckman, \$1.00; Dr. D. M. Carter, \$1.00; R. W. Armstrong, \$3.00; P. F. O'Neill, \$1.00; L. M. Lutz, \$1.00; Walter Ramsay, \$5.00; Mrs. K. Ramsay, \$5.00; A. E. Heather, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. B. MacDonald, \$2.00; A. P. Swallow, \$3.00; C. Johnson, \$1.00; R. McRea, \$6.00; Wm. Davidson, \$1.00; H. G. Moore, \$2.00; H. F. Allison, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thornton, \$1.00; Thos. A. Jones, \$5.00; F. H. Allen, \$2.00; A. H. Boulter, \$2.00; J. D. Ward, \$1.00; Wesley Byler, \$1.00; W. J. Byler, \$2.00; S. B. Lockhart, \$1.00; D. Warwick, \$1.00; J. J. Purcell, \$1.00; H. Bradford, \$1.00; E. Bakke, \$1.00; Mrs. Jean Kenny, \$1.00; Jas. Hardie, \$2.00; H. Horne, \$1.00; Three Members, \$15.00; M. Nicholson, \$1.00; Alfred Stone, \$1.00; Mr. H. Hokosaw, \$1.00; Don Lutznik, \$10.00; M. C. Mohalech, \$1.00; J. J. Cooney, \$1.00; R. Martin, \$1.00. (Total \$92.00).

Bids received by the Alberta government for two small parcels of Crown lands in the Leduc field prove that the province is losing millions of dollars by its refusal to adopt the policy advocated by the C.C.F. members of the legislature, said Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., in addressing a C.C.F. nominating convention in Calgary on Friday of last week.

Calling attention to the 70% royalty offered by a bidder on one of the parcels put up for competition by the government, the C.C.F. leader said the return to the government from a well operated on such a basis would be approximately \$120,000 a year compared with the \$20,000 a year to be obtained from the companies which are paying the regular royalty of 12 1/2%.

Wanted 50-50 Break
We begged the government to (Continued on Page 8)

Contesting Levy By CCF Government

REGINA (CPA)—Daily papers across Canada last Friday carried the news that the Canadian Pacific Railway, Canada's largest private enterprise, would challenge in the courts the constitutionality of Saskatchewan's Mineral Taxation Act, under which it is obliged to pay a tax of three cents an acre on its holdings in this province. What the dailies didn't know was that the Sheriff of Regina had interrupted the Saskatchewan cabinet in session that morning to serve writs of warrant on Attorney General J. W. Corman and Resources Minister J. L. Phelps.

This unprecedented invasion of the Executive Council chambers and summoning of ministers of the crown as individuals to defend their government's legislation is apparently the company's way of circumventing the procedure of application (to the Attorney General) for a fiat, or permission to sue, which would be necessary if it wished to sue the Crown in the (Continued on Page 8)

7,276 TEACHERS NEEDED IN CANADA

OTTAWA (CPA)—Canada's shortage of teachers increased during 1947 to 7,276, the Canadian Education Association reported this week. The shortage in 1946 was 6,447.

The most serious problem exists in one-room rural schools, according to F. K. Stewart, CEA executive secretary. Such schools now need 6,575 teachers; 318 are closed because no teacher is available, while 6,257 are presided over by "permit" teachers who fall short of local training requirements.

Enrolment in teacher-training schools has increased by 14% over last year's inadequate replacement figure. Increased average salaries in the profession were cited by Mr. Stewart as the reason for higher enrolment. Quebec is the only province where the average salary is still less than \$1,000 a year.

Use Fisheries Post As A "Political Football"

OTTAWA (CPA)—The recent Cabinet shift which took Milton Gregg out of the Ministry of Fisheries for which he was elected in New Brunswick two months ago, was sharply criticized in a press statement by M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. national leader, on January 20th, when he accused the federal government of using the fisheries post "as a political football," and as "a training ground for budding cabinet ministers."

5 Different Ministers
"In less than seven years we have had five different Fisheries Ministers. The people of the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia have a right to expect that the

post be filled by a man who is sufficiently interested in and acquainted with the fishing industry to stick with it and provide the leadership needed," Mr. Coldwell said.

Mr. Gregg was chosen as Fisheries Minister while a candidate in the recent York-Sunbury by-election. He has now been moved to the Department of Veterans Affairs, left vacant by the appointment of Rt. Hon. Ian MacKenzie to the Senate. Succeeding Mr. Gregg temporarily in the Fisheries Ministry is James A. MacKinnon, formerly minister of Trade and Commerce, who comes from Edmonton.

British Doctors Stage A Boycott

By MICHAEL FOOT, M.P.

MANY miners object to certain sections of the Coal Nationalization Act; but they still dig coal. Some railwaymen object to parts of the Transport Act; but they still run the trains.

The whole British working-class objected to the Trade Disputes Act of 1927; but their methods of changing it was to elect a Parliament pledged to delete the offending Act from the Statute Book.

Nudists object to one of the principal conventions of our society and the laws that enforce them; but they do not walk down Piccadilly naked.

Doctors, or rather a few of them, are different. Some of them object to parts of the Health Act; so they try to organize a campaign to defy Parliament.

This is the most serious aspect of the British Medical Association's campaign against the Act of Parliament which Aneurin Bevan carried through the Commons. Hardly less serious is the incitement to them by the Tory Press to continue the escapade.

The Danger
If they were to succeed in their campaign they would have dealt the most serious blow to the prestige of Parliament which it has suffered in modern times.

An open invitation would have been issued to any other vested interest to press its view, not by the normal methods of propaganda and democratic election, but by a plot to break Parliament's will.

Even if the doctors had a well-nigh cast-iron case, the methods employed by the political doctors who run the B.M.A. would have made it impossible for Parliament to submit to their threats. This may seem hard on all the other doctors

whose case may appear to have been wrecked by the absurdities of the B.M.A. leadership.

In fact, what Parliament had to do, and what Parliament did, was of the doctor with the rights and to combine the rights and claims of the patient. Some still say this too much was conceded to the doctors, whose interests, after all, are less important than the patients'.

Unfair?

But let us look at the objections. What are these monstrous provisions imposed on the doctors? Why are they of such a character that the political doctors of the B.M.A. are provoked to attempt the sabotage of a free health service?

Object to Basic Salary

The first objection of the B.M.A. concerns the proposal to pay doctors a basic salary of £300. Most persons would not regard that as such an offensive suggestion.

Indeed, "The Times"—no partisan of Mr. Bevan—states quite clearly that the Government is not seeking to "exploit the doctors financially." The Minister's concessions to consultants and specialists, the extent of which is not generally appreciated, and the sums which he proposes to distribute among general practitioners err, if at all, on the side of generosity.

That does not sound like unfair treatment. But the B.M.A. pretends that there is something disgraceful and undignified in a doctor receiving even a small part of his payment by this means.

The argument will not appeal to the overwhelming mass of the population who receive their pay in wages and salaries. Many professional people, including some doctors, are paid in this fashion.

B.M.A. Ignores Public

But unhappily all these people—the public or the patients—are



ANEURIN BEVAN, who piloted the new Health Act through the British House of Commons.

not to be consulted in the plebiscite which the B.M.A. is organizing.

It is because they have the right to be consulted that the form and conditions of medical service are settled by Parliament and not solely by the doctors themselves. But this simple democratic theory has not been comprehended by the B.M.A.

The next big objection of the B.M.A. is that the Health Act denies a doctor the right of appeal

to the courts if he is dismissed from the service for inefficiency.

Opportunity to Appeal

On the face of it that may sound a reasonable objection. But the point was fully argued out in the place where a democratic nation ought to argue it out—in the House of Commons—and it was clear that the plea of a reference to the courts had none of the plausibility which some protagonists like to pretend.

A doctor dismissed for inefficiency will have plenty of opportunity to appeal to bodies on which his own profession will be well represented and a final appeal to the Minister.

But that courts of law should be called upon to judge matters of efficiency is quite contrary to practice. It would impose upon the courts a task they are not qualified to perform.

Madness

These are the chief grievances, apart from a technical point of law on which the Minister has promised to amend the Act if his reading of it is found to be invalid by the law courts.

And on these slender grounds the B.M.A. invites, or rather incites, the doctors to boycott a scheme which gives them enormous powers in helping to run the

service, offers great advantages to the public and lays the foundations of the world's best health scheme.

Fighting for Her Life

Britain is fighting and working for her life. She needs a healthy people to overcome the difficulties. Multitudes of her people are playing their part. The great mass of doctors, we are sure, are eager to do the same.

This is the moment chosen by the B.M.A. to stage a boycott and to attempt to destroy a scheme devised by Parliament even though the B.M.A. itself has never had any real alternative to offer.

If the madness continues, it will not be the end of the Health Act. It will be the end of the B.M.A.

Just A Minute!

By A.J.E. LIESEMER, M.L.A.

A truly free press could be a great power in the progress of mankind through the expression and wide dissemination of all shades of opinion. What chance has the opinion of the worker and farmer of wide dissemination through the daily press? Consider these facts.

It costs at least a half million dollars to buy a smaller daily paper, much more for the larger.

Two-thirds of the income of daily papers comes from advertising.

Most Canadian cities have only one daily which enjoys monopoly in its own area.

Several Canadian daily newspapers are a part of a national chain, and thus express the opinion of a much larger corporation enjoying at least semi-monopolistic coverages wider than one area.

The number of readers of daily newspapers has almost doubled since 1920, but the number of daily newspapers independent of chains has dropped by almost a quarter.

The press is becoming more and more subject to large corporation opinion and control, to an ever higher degree of monopolistic coverage, and like business generally, more and more a part of a monopoly economy instead of a free enterprise economy.

The press is "free" in its expression of the opinion of those who have the money to control it!

It Happened in Kansas

The horse ambled along for a short distance and then stopped. This procedure was repeated several times. A curious bystander approached the farmer and asked kindly, "Is your horse sick?"

"Nope," answered the farmer; he's so afraid I'll say 'whoa' and he won't hear me, that he stops every once in a while to listen."

U.S. investments in Canada now total almost \$4.5 billions. We have always talked of attracting American capital, but with growing centralization of American power in Washington reflected in a new aggressive foreign policy, it is not to be expected that this is the last time that a major foreign shareholder in Canadian resources will speak bluntly. While the preservation of our political sovereignty is an essential subject of first of all stating that we must turn our minds away from the south and look for other sources of supply, while at the same time announcing they are seeking a new trade treaty with the United States, which would be a further step towards customs union."

One Fire Heats Three Rooms



Forced, by grim necessity, to find new ways to make good the 4½ million (one in three) homes destroyed or damaged by bombs and V-weapons during the war, Britain has come up with many ideas in housing. This fireplace was one of the developments demonstrated at a recent building exhibition in London. It is installed in the living room and its heat is transferred to two upper rooms by ducts under the floor (as pictured) and through the walls. The upper rooms are as warm and cozy as the room in which the fire is burning. A closure lid, lifted in the morning, keeps the fire burning low at night. Britain was making rapid strides with a huge rehousing program, but has recently had to transfer some efforts and materials to exports for the food they bring.

Babson's Canadian Report Points to U.S. Domination

OTTAWA (CPA)—No less a publication than "Babson's Canadian Reports" (a business and investment journal) has become concerned over the increasing trend toward U.S. domination in Canadian economic life. Their conclusion: "The inevitable must be faced."

Says the "Reports" (Dec. 22, 1947):

"Recent events have sharpened quite perceptibly the dominant position which the United States occupies on this continent. By our adhesion to various international organizations established at the conclusion of the Second World War, we have, in effect, made ourselves more of an economic liege of the United States than at any time in the past.

Not Surprising

"The reason is quite simple. Most of these organizations, such as the International Monetary

Fund, receive the greatest percentage of their financial backing from the United States. Consequently, that country has a deciding voice in most of the questions arising before these bodies. So, the application of the non-discriminatory clause in the Government's austerity program, with its unfortunate effect of banning imports from the United Kingdom, is not surprising. Nor is the U.S. plain talking on how and what kind of gold subsidy, if any, we can put into operation. After all, if our American cousins did not pay \$35.00 an ounce for gold, which they subsequently bury in the ground, some of these ardent disciples of a free market might be considerably surprised at the price their product would bring with the U.S. Treasury out of the market.

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LIBERAL INSULT TO VETERANS

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: All through the last war, the pensions and allowances of War I veterans were never increased by one cent, despite the ever increasing cost of living and on all sides we have heard of the deplorable conditions in which disabled veterans are existing—not living, just existing, and dying. Yes, those same heroes of 1914-18.

Since 1939, the cost of living by official count alone (which is underestimated) is up 47%, yet on December 19 last Prime Minister King in parliament shoved his contempt for all veterans, the opinion and public opinion, by promising at some future unspecified date, to add only 10% to the present veteran's payments—what an insult. Yet should any C.C.F. member move that a larger sum be paid, our selfish, swell-headed, antiquated, mis-called Liberal government will declare it out of order and quash it—that is Liberalism 1948.

When war is on and death is nigh, God and the soldier is the cry. But when war is won and victory sighted, God is forgotten, the soldier slighted—how true.

Mackenzie King never wore the King's serge in his whole life which accounts for his open contempt for the disabled veteran and the regions while the victimization of the soldier settlers is a volume in itself, and yet they squawk about the spread of communism in Canada.

DE-LA-POLE.
Rockfort Bridge, Alta.

FARMER DOESN'T GET IT

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: As the news comes in over the air tonight re the high cost of pork and bacon, i.e. bacon 95c per lb. in Edmonton, and a corresponding advance in other Canadian cities, one is forced to the conclusion that there is something "rotten in the state of Denmark," i.e. the "Free Enterprise" capitalist system and the parties that uphold and operate the same system.

We have heard tonight of the rise in a lb. of bacon from 20 cents per lb. upward. As your readers are well aware a hog has to be killed and processed before it becomes bacon and this process takes several weeks from farm to retail store.

And yet sir, before we heard of the new price of hogs, we were informed that bacon was up 16c per lb.

Our spring crop of 1947 hogs are now sold, the last ones Dec. 19 last and the return on B1 hogs, F.O.B. Packing Plant, Edmonton were \$21.10, excepting the runt on Dec. 19th which sold for \$21.10, B1.

So it should be plain to all consumers that it is the fall crop of hogs that sold for \$21.10 that are now selling in Edmonton for 95c per lb. That is, providing the local bacon comes from B1 hogs. We always understood that A and B1 hogs were processed for the British market.

In that case the public would be getting B3, B2 or C grade hogs which net around 20c or less to the producer.

The price on bacon for the British market increased last spring from \$25 to \$29 per 100 for Wiltshire sides but the Alberta farmer although promised \$4.00 per 100 only received \$1.00 per 100 for his product, in spite of increased price of production.

Canadian bacon should certainly be on a par with other Canadian products the farmer buys. While prices shoot up overnight on dry goods, nails, lumber, groceries and numerous other items, the farmer waits months for an increase and has sacrificed his fall

crop of pigs to the packing interests. I suggest that pork and bacon prices be equated to the price paid the hog producer and further the packing interests pay us \$3.00 per 100 on all hogs shipped since September 1st.

E. H. TUDOR.

S.C. INCONSISTENCIES

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: There is no paper that reaches me so full of inconsistencies as the Canadian Social Credit. Seeing that Social Creditors today are without a platform, and not knowing in which direction they are travelling, may be some excuse for these weekly flounders. On Page 1 of last week's issue under the heading, "The people govern themselves," you will read nothing but praise for the way under which the British Parliament is run. Page 4 of this same issue is devoted entirely to the actions of the British Labor government. On it you will find nothing but abuse, so I take it the great mass of the people who put this Labor government into power, (nor have they as yet lost a by-election), are all screevy.

On this first page of the Canadian Social Credit you may also read of the "Frustrated Farmers." What a catch phrase to be sure! Does our provincial cabinet imagine for one moment that the farmers of Alberta have so soon forgotten the injustices handed their industry by Social Credit M.L.A.s and M.P.s?

Page 2 informs us that the cost of living could be cut in half, but never a word that it was the actions of the S.C. M.P.s at Ottawa that started this spiral of inflation. But we must not leave Page 2 yet, for on it you are told that the Liberal party in Ottawa has introduced more socialistic measures than the C.C.F. in Saskatchewan. All very illuminating I am sure. Might one ask which of these Socialistic measures will our Social Credit party repudiate should they ever reach Ottawa?

Page 5 is taken up with the smoke-screen of Communism, and, oh boys! they know how to lay a smoke-screen. But it would be nice if their readers on say just one page could read of the real issues which confront Albertans, and which we could rectify and keep within our provincial rights. But alas!—you may look in vain for all you can glean from the remaining pages is utter frustration. The Social Credit Party is in a sorry plight. Internally, split in sunder. With no tangible goal in view, what a hollow mockery their cry of "On to Ottawa" must sound in their own ears.

GEORGE MACSHANE.

STUDENT VETS WIVES

EXPLOITED

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Every now and then a new case of exploitation of labor arises. This time it is that of the student veteran's wife.

The student and his family in company with the rest of the community are being exploited as consumers, but in addition to this cer-

tain employers are exploiting the student's wife as cheap labor.

Students' wives work not from a choice, but from compulsion. The reason—the high cost of living. However, if the wife were allowed to work, the husband would not be so bad. But she is limited to \$75 per month. The Department of Veterans' Affairs has an obnoxious ruling which says that for every dollar she earns over \$75, one dollar is deducted from the husband's training grant of \$80 per month. This ruling has two effects. In the first place it restricts her choice of occupation, and in the second—as she must work—it leaves her vulnerable to the unscrupulous employer who can take advantage of this ceiling on her wages to pay her less than she could get if she were single.

The employer as far as can be discovered is under no obligation to report to D.V.A. the salaries paid to students' wives. In fact many cases are known of employers who are giving these people a square deal, but there are also many others who in the various university towns across the country, are taking advantage of this D.V.A. ruling.

Whatever reason the Department of Veterans' Affairs may have had for this ruling in 1944, it has long since disappeared in the sharp rise in living costs. The solution is of course for the Federal Government to amend the Act so as to repeal the ceiling on the student veteran's wife's salary.

J. K. CHAPMAN,

Fredericton, N.B.

What Happened in Saskatchewan?

The C.C.F. promised a new deal for prairie youth, the disinherited of the depression era. Is Saskatchewan different, after four years of C.C.F. government?

Read the pithy, direct answer, written by Ron Moats, a young student-farmer of the Regina Plains, president of the C.C. Y.M.

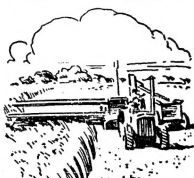
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By H. ZELLA SPENCER

MORNING after morning the radio tells us the same sad story. Day after day the papers have their headlines. There has been fighting and bloodshed in China, in Greece, in Palestine, in other parts of the world. Sometimes it would seem as though the only keynote of civilization was that might is the only power, that force the only controlling factor, that fear must be instilled at any price.

In the midst of all this it has been like an oasis in a desert, like one light standing out on an otherwise black night, to hear of one incident where the concept of peace has been the great factor; where leaders have pledged their lives to bring it about and where warring factions have settled down to put forth their uttermost endeavors to that end. It seems unbelievable and makes us wonder.

Yet we read of the leaders of the warring factions of India pledging their lives for the sake of the "holy man of India," as he is termed, the man of peace. It seems unbelievable that the utmost effort will be put forth not to back fighting forces, not that each may obtain his own particular gain, but that each may make the greatest contribution to the peaceful settlement of the seemingly irreconcilable forces and where constructive thought will

be uppermost rather than destructive—all because of one man and his ideals.

Mahatma Gandhi is termed, "The holy man of India." But his holiness has not been devoted solely to the spiritual life of his people but to the physical and economic as well. And surely that has been necessary in a country described, I noted the other day, as "India, the home of pestilence, of violence, of 400 million despairing and fanatical people." While some few may have the riches of the Indies, the great majority make barely enough to keep themselves alive. Their death average is at the age of 25.

Unreasoning fanaticism, some may term it, but unreasoning fanaticism does not always take the path of peace. Nearer home we have seen it take the road of racial intolerance, and hatred.

Gandhi preached democracy as his concept was that democracy is built on a respect for the means. He considered the Communist theory was that the ends justify the means. Two totally different viewpoints.

As one radio commentator said, the real success of Gandhi's latest fast may not be known this year or next. But I think all people the world over hope that this attempt at a peaceful settlement of national difficulties will be a success and that India will be spared the further misery of war.

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LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

THE oil people are seething and the daily newspapers are sputtering printers' ink over the big bad blunder the Alberta government made in calling for tenders on two parcels of Crown oil land in the Leduc field. One offer received for one of the parcels provided for the payment of a 70% royalty—that is, the well owner will keep three barrels of oil out of each ten produced and the government will get the other seven. From the major oil corporations who control most of the field the government is getting one barrel in eight.

The government's face is red. It has been rushing into print to "explain" that the major oil companies who are carrying on exploration work must be expected to get a bigger cut than the fellows who come in after the field is proven. But the difference between one barrel in eight and seven in ten is too big a difference to be "explained".

It costs something less than \$100,000 to drill a well and get it into production in the Leduc field. Producing 150 barrels a day at the present price of crude, the return from one well will be about \$175,000 in a year. Thirty per cent of that is \$52,500, so two years' production pays for the well. It is estimated that a well will last from twenty to fifty years. Therefore the man who offered to pay a royalty of 70%, keeping only thirty per cent for himself and paying the other 70% to the government, will be sitting pretty if he gets only one well. He is permitted to drill two, one in each zone.

But the major oil companies who control most of the field, pay the province only one barrel in eight. The big bids received for the two parcels put up for competition have called public attention to the clean-up the big companies are making. The oil men and their newspaper apologists are very sore at the government for letting the cat out of the bag by calling for tenders. And the government itself is very unhappy about it.

DEGREES OF TORYISM

FEAR that the Liberal party may make a turn to the right with the retirement of Prime Minister King, is expressed by the *Toronto Daily Star*. In an editorial in its issue of January 22nd, the *Star* says:

A new world order obviously cannot be brought about by clinging to old shibboleths or continuing the old practices which have left civilization in its present plight. A new order presupposes new policies; in other words, reforms. The Liberal Party is traditionally the Reform party; should be the Reform party in practice as well. The national convention will have to determine whether Canadian Liberalism will accept that role, or let some other party monopolize it. In that event, the "other party" would be the C.C.F.

Both the older parties show evidence of being keenly aware of the C.C.F.'s emergence on the Canadian scene. It seems sometimes, indeed, as though both Liberal and Conservative speakers attack the C.C.F. more often than they do each other. But the real enemy of the Liberal party is not the C.C.F. The enemy is conservatism. The presence of the C.C.F. in Canadian politics should serve to stimulate the Liberal party to fresh endeavors in the matter of social welfare reforms. If, instead, the Liberal party reacts by becoming more conservative, by becoming, in fact, an ally of the Conservative party, the ultimate effect will be that those who seek a new world order will rally to the C.C.F. banner. There is no hope for the Liberal party in a Liberal-Conservative coalition.

The only thing we see wrong with the *Star's* reasoning is that the Liberal party is already over on the right almost as far as the Tories. Furthermore, the tendency of the Liberals to "become an ally" of the Conservative party is already seen to be far advanced in the provincial coalition governments of British Columbia and Manitoba.

There is only one alternative to Toryism in Canada. That is the C.C.F. The difference between the Liberal, Conservative and Social Credit parties is only one of degree. The best we could say for the Liberals is that they run a close third to the Conservative party in the degree of their Toryism. Social Credit is, of course, more Tory than either of them.

There is no better time than now to send in your 1948 membership and a worth while contribution to the Victory Fund for the coming provincial election. That list published on the opposite page should contain all constituencies with rapidly-growing amounts shown for each.

The disgusting abuse which Social Credit speakers are substituting for answers to legitimate criticism of government policies is doing as much as anything to convince Alberta people that it is time for a change. Apparently the government has just two ways of dealing with critics: drag them into court or call them nasty names on the radio.

THE THIRD COLUMN

LAUGH OF THE WEEK

Ottawa (CPA) January 23:

"The Liberal Government has misjudged—and mismanaged—post-war decontrol with the present disastrous results in the cost of living. It has delayed action on the American dollar shortage until it developed into a major crisis. By admission of the Minister in charge, Liberal housing policy has failed to produce the goods. And so on.

"Yet, emblazoned across the back of the convention platform as Liberals met in Ottawa's Chateau Laurier were the words:

"The best managed democracy on earth."

"The quotation is an obscure one from the *Atlantic Monthly*."



WHAT ABOUT MAYNARD, FALLOW HOTELS?

From the Lethbridge Herald:

"There are some very good country town hotels in Alberta whose proprietors think and act as if they owed the travelling public a square deal, and are proud enough of their undertaking to see that they get it. Then there are some who look upon the hotel as an unwanted nuisance and wish they had nothing to distract their attention from the beer parlor which is their only reason for buying the hotel in the first place. The latter class of hotel owner is a menace to the whole business of hotel operation in the Province, and the general public would be quite satisfied if the Liquor Control Board were to crack down on them as effectively as Ontario appears to have been doing of late."



THE CURRENT CINEMA

The New Yorker, January 3:

"High Wall" offers us Robert Taylor as a mixed-up chap who thinks his life has strangled his wife. The cops think so, too, but because he's been having trouble with his head, they put him in an asylum instead of a prison. Then Audrey Totter comes along, trying to look like a lady psychiatrist, and before you know it, the film has the doctor and the patient going at each other. This is def. tely no way to handle a mental case, but, by God, the movies insist that all women in the profession behave like this, and the movies are never wrong. Here is a picture that you can stay away from with pleasure."



NOT LIKELY TO BE OUSTED

Calgary Albertan, Jan. 12:

"A prediction that the Labor government in Britain would remain in power for 'some time,' was made by Col. W. G. Abel, representative of the Travel Association of Great Britain, during an address to members of the Canadian Club and the Credit Granters' Association of Canada, in the Club Cafe, recently.

"The problem in England today is not governmental but economic," he said. "No government that could be elected could do anything else than this government has done. The government in the United Kingdom is involved in business. It is fortunate in having an enormous majority. That majority is not likely to be upset for some time. As long as the Labor government is strong and has the support of the unions, we will have no fear of Communism."

- FOOTPRINTS -

By Their Fruits

By J. P. Griffin

"The Fruit of the Spirit is . . . Peace."

WE must never forget that the powerful industrial units that are as definitely in the business of making war as others are in the business of making ice cream. Both are in business for the same reason,—both seek to make profits. The trust funds held by churches, fraternities and other institutions, and



by them, flow impartially toward the area of the greatest returns. In this way the generous bequest of some pious soul that dies today, will be used to blow big grants to bits, as it finances the production of the mine that will explode under him tomorrow. A recent financial statement published by these merchants of death shows that business for 1947 has been very good.

We are witnessing at Nuremberg, at long range, the trial of the German industrialists charged with crimes against the peace and security of the world. These criminals could never have carried out their crimes without the help of their fellow travellers on this side of the Atlantic, above and below the forty-ninth parallel. By a hypocritical insistence on the sanctity of business contracts, we remember the Liberals supported the Japanese war lords right up to the tragedy of Pearl Harbor. Even now the same government is giving aid to the Chinese Nationalists, who are trying to destroy a mild agrarian reform movement

among the down-trodden mass of Chinese peasants and thus, selling their enemies surplus war material, by smearing the peasants with the name of Communism, it is hampering these patriots in their struggle for freedom.

It is not only governments, however, that buy death-dealing weapons of war. Industry is a welcome customer too. In the shadow wars in which nations kill the brightest and best of the citizens, there are periods of booms and slumps,—battles of armistices. In the industrial war that never ceases Big Business seeks to beat labor into submission, in a desperate struggle for survival.

A report to the American Senate discloses that "the committee found that the purchasing and storing of 'arsenals' of fire arms and tear and sickening gas weapons is a common practice of large employers of labor—and that there exists a large business supplying gas weapons to industry. During the years 1933 through 1937, \$1,255,392.55 worth of tear and sickening gas was purchased by employers and law enforcement agencies chiefly during, in anticipation of strikes. The committee noted that all of the largest individual purchasers are corporations, and that their total far surpass those of the large law enforcement purchases. In fact, the Republic Steel Corp. bought four times as much as the largest law enforcement purchaser."

The Bennett Government bombed Canadians in Regina, the King Government in Vancouver, and the Manning Government threw the farmer pickets in jail in Alberta. The fruit of the Spirit is peace, and the rotten fruit of capitalism is every kind of war.

Are Majorities Always Wrong?

By J. E. COOK

President, Alberta C.C.F.

MAJOR Douglas, Fig Tree Court, London S.W. England, father of Social Credit, has been regularly quoted as saying that majorities are generally wrong. Inherent in the Major's premise is the idea that the minorities that are right are the selected groups that have the brains, the background, the experience and the "divine right" to rule.

Masses and Class

In the Major's thinking, as divined from his writings, the majority means the masses, and the minorities of whom he speaks are the "ruling class." For many years English kings claimed immunity from interference because of their "Divine Right." The theory is outworn and outmoded now. It would seem foolish to think of the divine right theory as applied to any government.



Business Rules

But actual business practice is not so far removed from the old theory. Says Premier Manning, who agrees with Douglas here, it is foolish to believe the C.C.F., when speakers of that group say that the present Social Credit government has given away the oil that belongs to the people of this province, to the Imperial Oil Company or to foreign investors.

Says Social Credit

People's control is inefficient, presumptuous and foolish, and means loss of liberty, he says. He seems to think free private enterprise, motivated by profit initiative, with the actual profits no concern of the common person alone is competent. Oddly enough

profit is very much the concern of the monopoly enterpriser. In fact enterprisers will not enterprize without it.

Super Business Men But that is the "divine right" inherent in and reserved to a small minority, the erstwhile Big Shots, so touted as the 1%. This super business man myth of the same stripe and smell of the great exploded Aryan myth But business still has its perquisites and privileges. And the present government of the province of Alberta is bound to protect them.

The Imperial Oil will produce wells, very soon, in the Leduc field. Later they will have many more. Their own geologists estimate a minimum life of the field at years. Each well will produce 100 to 200 barrels per day. Each barrel now brings \$3.80.

Each well will produce more than \$4,000,000. The Hon. E. Ansley, speaking to a meeting of the Farmers Surface Rights Protective Association in Lethbridge, that a royalty for the people of Alberta, of 12 1/2% was a heavy pay for the Imperial Oil Company.

Last week two sites were selected. There is little doubt that each of these sites will produce a flow of oil. For one of these, which was put up at auction, a New York Oil syndicate offered 70% royalty. The offer was accepted.

In the Leduc field it costs about \$100,000 to drill and equip a well. This well, likely, will produce approximately \$4,000,000. In years the syndicate will have a back clear \$1,100,000. From the well the people will get \$2,900,000.

the government of Alberta got 70% from 100 Imperial (Continued on Page 6)

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A good start has been made but there is still a lot to be done. A circular is now going out to our entire membership asking their support. Your early response to this appeal is essential. Send in your contribution to the VICTORY fund NOW. Canvass your community and get all the help you can from C.C.F. supporters in your district.

Below is a report of all cash and pledges received on the VICTORY fund as at December 31, 1947. How is YOUR constituency doing?

Acadia-Coronation	\$ 46.00	Okotoks-High River	8.00
Alexandra	65.32	Olds	10.00
Beaver River	49.00	Peace River	223.00
Bruce	195.00	Pembina	372.45
Bow Valley-Empress	20.00	Ponoka	334.00
Calgary	160.00	Red Deer	110.00
Camrose	92.00	Redwater	31.00
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Clover Bar	308.00	Stettler	241.50
Cypress	5.00	Stony Plain	148.00
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Grande Prairie	187.00	Wetaskiwin	411.00
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Lacombe	269.00	Grande Prairie Nominating Con-	
Lac Ste. Anne	486.00	vention not yet reported to pro-	
Leduc	132.00	vincial office.	
Lethbridge	75.00		
Little Bow	112.00		
Macleod	10.00		

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Nominating Conventions

Leduc—Saturday, February 7th, 2 p.m. at Calmar. Evening public meeting at 8:30 p.m. A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A., speaker.

Pincher Creek-Crow's Nest—Saturday, February 7th, 2:30 p.m. at Coleman. Evening public meeting at 8:30 p.m. Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., Provincial Leader, speaker.

Lethbridge—Friday, February 6th. Evening. Speaker, Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., Provincial Leader.

Vegreville—Saturday, February 14th, 2 p.m. National Hall, Mundare. Evening public meeting 8 p.m. Elmer E. Roper, speaker.

Cardston—Saturday, February 14th, 2 p.m. Little Theatre, Cardston. A. J. E. Liesemer will attend.

Willington—Saturday, February 14th, 2 p.m., at Andrew. Evening public meeting 8:30 p.m.

Olds—Monday, February 23rd, 2 p.m., Parish Hall, Olds. J. E. Cook, provincial president, will attend.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Annual Banquet Claresholm C.C.F. Club at Claresholm. Evening of Thursday, February 5th. Speaker Elmer E. Roper.

Re-organization Convention. St. Albert Constituency at Morinville on Monday, February 2nd, 2:30 p.m. J. E. Cook will attend.

Public meeting at Fort Saskatchewan Community Hall, Friday, February 13th. Speaker Elmer E. Roper.

St. Paul re-organization convention at Bonnyville Hall on Saturday, February 21st, 2 p.m. J. E. Cook will attend.

C.C.F. RADIO TALKS

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C. C. F. NEWS

Ed. Peterson of Bluesky, Passes On

Mr. Ed. Peterson of Bluesky passed away in the Fairview hospital on Sunday, January 18, and the funeral was held on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Peterson came to the Peace River country in 1913 and has been an ardent supporter of all co-operative enterprises.

A loyal member of the C.C.F. his death is a great loss to the movement. Sympathy is extended to his wife, and family.

Magazine Renewals

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In Saskatchewan RAILWAY TAX FOR MUNICIPALITIES

REGINA (CPA) — Saskatchewan's C.C.F. government will introduce legislation at the coming session of the legislature which will enable municipalities in the province to tax railway property, it was disclosed last week by Municipal Affairs Minister J. H. Brookesbank. The move has been approved by the cabinet and C.C.F. caucus, he stated, and will be discussed with officials of the municipal associations and the railroads before the session.

"Prior to 1942, this was a field of taxation used by the province and we are now providing that the tax on railway property should be made available to the municipalities, where it properly belongs," he added.

The former provincial railways act provided that railways should pay a lump sum to the province, rather than individual taxes to the municipalities (this tax in the fiscal year 1940-41 amounted to \$404,000.) In 1942, under the wartime tax agreement, the province vacated the railway tax field in favor of the dominion. However, this field has been restored to Saskatchewan under the present agreement, and the province now intends to amend the City, Town, Village and Rural Municipalities Acts, empowering these municipal units to assess and tax railway property.

In this move Saskatchewan will be giving genuine leadership.

The minister had come to call and was holding the small boy of the house on his lap.

"So, you can count, eh?" he said to the youngster. "Well, let's hear you."

The lad met his request with alacrity: "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen, king."

At Calgary

COLDWELL GREETED C.C.F. CONVENTION

"The C.C.F. is definitely moving forward to victory," said M. J. Coldwell, M.P., C.C.F. national leader, in his message of greeting to delegates attending the Calgary C.C.F. nominating convention on Friday which addressed by provincial leader Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A.

In his telegram to the convention which nominated A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A., George Ellinson and Mrs. Mary Alberta Hart as provincial candidates, Mr. Coldwell referred to his recent visit to Alberta as "very encouraging," and expressed the hope that Calgary would develop progressive leadership. He also expressed his deep personal appreciation of Mr. Liesemer's excellent personal legislative record.

By resolution the delegates requested that regulations be re-instituted to make possible a reduction in the cost of milk to at least the 1946 levels. It was urged also that the provincial government be asked to subsidize temporarily at three cents a quart, the purchase of milk by needy families with children.

Mrs. George Ellinson was elected president of the women's group, Mrs. E. O. Pinnell, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Kunzie, secretary; Mrs. J. Jorgensen and Mrs. Mary Cason, executive members.

MRS. MACPHEE HEADS CAMROSE C.C.F. WOMEN

By Club Reporter

Camrose C.C.F. Women's Club held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. G. Y. MacPhee. There were eighteen present. The secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Edna Adamson, gave a detailed report of the year's work. The following is a summary:

Receipts from collections,
Teas, Sales, etc. \$261.99
Collected from constituency
members for chair, for
Woodsword House 86.00
Subscriptions to P. W.
Memberships 213.00
People's Weekly sold locally 40.00
Total Receipts for the
year \$600.99
Donations, contributions and ex-
penses, \$259.68.

(The Subscriptions for P.W. and Memberships were secured through the efforts of a small but energetic committee — Mrs. E. Adamson and Mrs. A. C. Falconer).

Three officers were re-elected: President, Mrs. MacPhee; Vice-President, Mrs. Falconer; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Adamson. Mrs. A. Weiss was elected 2nd Vice-President.

Committees for 1948 were formed. Practically every one renewed her membership, and several books were sold.

A draw was made for a C.C.F. Pin, and Mrs. Wright was the winner. Decision was made to hold a Tea and P. W. Sale in May and a Tea and Fancy Work Sale in the Fall. Mrs. Weiss will entertain the club Monday, February 16th.

A. M. (Club Reporter)

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12½% Isn't Enough

Radio Talk by ELMER E. ROPER, M.L.A.,
C.C.F. Provincial Leader

"EAST is east and west is west and never the twain shall meet", wrote Mr. Rudyard Kipling, and that is about how far apart the Hon. Mr. Tanner and I are on the question of the administration of Alberta's natural resources.

Something happened a few days ago which I think shows up the oil policy of the Alberta government in its true light. You know, of course, that most of the rich Leduc oil field has already been leased by the government to the major oil companies. You know, too, that the royalty paid to the government by these companies is 12½%. When in the legislature Mr. Liesemer and I protested as vigorously as we could against this small return to the province, we were told by Mr. Tanner and other members of the government that the corporations couldn't afford to pay any more. That, as you know, has also been Mr. Tanner's plea on the radio.

Well, there were a couple of small parcels of crown land in the Leduc field which the big corporations did not get, and these were thrown open for tender the other day. One of the successful bidders offered to pay a total royalty of 70%, and the other successful tenderer offered a total royalty of 62½%.

When he was asked by reporters what effect these high bids for crown land would have on the government's oil policy, the Minister of Lands and Mines said they would have no effect. The big corporations will still pay only 12½%.

All along the C.C.F. has pleaded the case of the people of the province. We have said that the people of Alberta who own the resources should get at least an even break; that at least fifty per cent of the oil produced from the people's oil lands, should accrue to the people. The government has told you that the corporations couldn't afford to pay any more

than 12½%. Well, making every possible allowance for money spent in exploration, the bids up to 70% for crown lands thrown open to tender, prove to the hilt the C.C.F. contention that 12½% is not enough.

Make a Killing

As a matter of fact, the man who is going to pay a 70% royalty is getting a bargain at that. By keeping only thirty per cent of the oil, and paying the other seventy per cent to the province, he will still more than pay for the cost of his well in two years. And the estimated life of a well in the Leduc area is twenty to fifty years. You can see what a killing the big corporations are making with a royalty of only 12½%.

Unto Him That Hath

At the present price of crude oil one well produces about \$165,000 worth of oil in a year. Incidentally, the highest amount yet offered to the owner of surface rights, the farmer whose farm is disrupted and partly destroyed, is \$1400 for the first year and \$500 a year for the life of the well. The contrast between this pittance to the farmer and the clean-up by the oil companies is a fine example of how the old truism, "unto him that hath shall be given", is carried out under a Social Credit government.

Help Themselves

Your natural resources are the storehouse of your future security. The government which you elected and trusted has thrown the door of the storehouse wide open and invited the huge monopolistic corporations which control the world's oil supply to come in and help themselves. You who own the oil get 12½%. The corporations get 87½%.

Only the C.C.F. among all the political parties in Alberta has fought your battle in this matter. Only a C.C.F. government will administer the resources for your benefit. You can save your resources by your votes. It is time for a change.

Are Majorities

(Continued from Page 4)

wells, at the same rate, the company would have left \$110,000,000 in 20 years, less \$10,000,000 drilling costs. The people of Alberta would get according to this formula \$300,000,000.

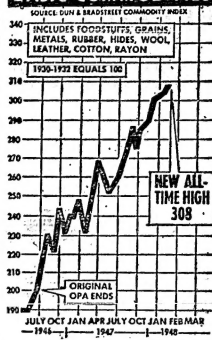
Page Mr. Ripley

But Mr. Tanner hastens to announce that there will be no change in governmental policy. This, then, is the Social Credit formula. The people of Alberta get from 100 wells, \$50,000,000 in 20 years and the Oil companies from 100 wells will get \$350,000,000. Difference \$250,000,000 or \$12,500,000 per year from the present field.

Of course the people of Alberta are the majority that is generally wrong, and the oil companies are the "divine right" business rulers.

Well, if Alberta people vote for that kind of treatment to continue, Major Douglas may have something.

BASIC COMMODITIES



More eloquently than any words, this chart shows what's happened to basic commodity prices since OPA was killed in the United States. Note that in July, 1946, the index was 200; now it's at an all-time high of 308.

Three Weeks' Holiday For Norwegian Workers

BY REGINALD SPINK
OSLO (CPA)—Beginning this year all wage and salary earners in Norway will have an annual paid vacation of three weeks' duration. With this legislation, the Norwegian Labor Government has gone one better than Denmark and Sweden, where a fortnight's vacation with pay is guaranteed.

The minister of finance has expressed some doubt about the advisability of introducing the law just now, saying that it would mean a loss of some \$25,000,000 a year in the national income unless there was a corresponding rise in production.

It was claimed, however, that the law would be an incentive and

that statutory vacations would benefit workers' health and so promote output. The trade unions have launched a campaign for bigger production to offset the loss.

The law directly affects 900,000 persons in a total population of close on 3,000,000. One week of the vacation may be taken in the winter unless there are agreements stipulating otherwise.

Publicly Owned Bank

Further social progress is foreshadowed in this year's speech from the throne, just proclaimed. The right, and duty, of every person to work will be laid down in an amendment to the Constitution. The Bank of Norway will be brought under complete public ownership by the purchase of the stock still in private hands.

The Government's highly successful price stabilization policy will be continued. Last September a law was passed prohibiting price and wage increases for the rest of the year. By voluntary agreements with industry and trade, prices were cut by an average of 1½ per cent. Reductions in the Government's turnover taxes brought prices down a further 1½ per cent.

Details of the measures to be taken in continuance of this anti-inflationary policy have yet to be announced. The trade unions, however, have stated that they will make no wage demands this year.

It is announced that the trade unions, the Labor Party and labor press organizations have established a joint stock company to develop the country's socialist press. Together they will subscribe \$250,000 capital.

Norway has over 30 labor newspapers, some of them dailies. Most of them, however, were hard hit by the German occupation and 23 had their printing presses totally destroyed.

The new company will act as joint purchasing association and will provide facilities for all the papers associated with it.

Excess Profits Tax Could Have Paid Subsidies - Coldwell

OTTAWA (CPA).—The C.C.F.'s 6-point program to check the rising cost of living, though opposed by other political parties in the House of Commons, has been supported by an overwhelming number of Canadian people, and three out of four Canadians, according to a Gallup Poll on December 20th, are in favor of restoring price control. M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. National Leader, told a nation-wide audience on the C.C.F. program "The Nation's Business" on January 8.

Mr. Coldwell repeated his challenge to the federal government to test the will of the people in regard to price control by holding by-elections immediately in the rural constituency of Yale, B.C., and the urban constituency of Ontario, in Ontario.

6-Point Program

The six-point C.C.F. program, announced by Mr. Coldwell early last month and backed by thousands of letters and telegrams which have reached his desk in the meantime, proposes:

One. The restoration at once of price controls on all the basic necessities of life; food, clothing, and fuel;

Two. The renewal of subsidies on milk, butter, bread, cotton, wool and feed grains;

Three. The closing of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and the elimination of all speculation in foods;

Four. The reconstruction of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in such a manner that it can adequately administer the price controls;

Five. The renewal of the Excess Profits Tax (with such modifications as experience has shown to be in the public interest);

Six. The rationing, if necessary, of any essential commodity which is in such short supply that some Canadians may not get their minimum share.

The Excess Profits Tax, which was dropped on January 1st, brought in \$500,000,000 in the last fiscal year, Mr. Coldwell said. "If it had remained, it would have paid for all the subsidies on food, clothing and feed grains — with money to spare."

Profiteering today is "rampant and unscrupulous," Mr. Coldwell said. Experience had shown that the Excess Profits Tax restrained profiteers.

Blow To Agriculture

Seldom had Canadian agriculture suffered such a blow as the removal of feed grain ceilings and subsidies, Mr. Coldwell emphasized. "The housewife has not yet felt the full effect," he warned.

At the same time Mr. Coldwell

Can't Win

The average Canadian never wins in the "boom-and-bust" economy, Mr. Coldwell said. "Sooner or later this boom in prices will end in collapse. Canadians who can't buy now because of high prices will not be able to buy them because their income will be cut—if, indeed, they are not unemployed."

Urges Price Ceilings

"The program that the C.C.F. has called for is a balanced and integrated program," Mr. Coldwell said. "If price ceilings are replaced on all essential foods and clothing as well as fuel the cost of living can be prevented from going higher. The payment of subsidies can bring down the price of milk, butter, and meat without reducing the price to the farmer. A renewal of the subsidy and the reimposition of ceilings on feed grains will enable our farmers to produce more meat and dairy products. Control of coarse grains can only be adequately effected, however, if the Winnipeg Grain Exchange is closed and these grains are handled in the same way that wheat is handled—by the government board. Speculation in those commodities takes place for the benefit of the gambler at the expense of the farmer and the consumer."

"A revised Excess Profits Tax would, it seems certain, enable the government to pay practically all the subsidies that are necessary. At the same time experience has shown that an Excess Profits Tax acts as an important check on profiteers."

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"The Government Of Canada"

By R. MacGREGOR DAWSON,

Reviewed by Ronald Grantham

(University of Toronto Press, 622p. \$5.50)

IN a field in which few comprehensive, critical books have been written, Professor Dawson's "The Government of Canada," makes a contribution of major importance. Clearly organized, it deals with the development and nature of the constitution, and the work of the executive, the administration, the legislature, the judiciary, concluding with a study of political parties. Its manner is judicious and its vigorous style is enlivened by wit.

Here another authority arises to brand the compact theory of confederation, beloved of Ontario Tories, as "sheer invention," without legal or historical foundation. Discussion of the proposition that Canada should have a Bill of Rights is illuminating. Particularly thorough is the examination of the composition and functioning of the cabinet, a branch of government that without legal status of its own has become of increasing importance.

The section on parties notes that Social Credit has "a record tainted with authoritarianism" and in its strong individualism is "moving to the right of the Progressive Conservatives."

A conspicuous merit of the C.C.F. is found to be its belief in

the efficacy of study and research while the older parties flounder amid 20th century problems using outdated slapdash techniques.

The C.C.F. is described as devoted to close identification of the party rank and file with its leaders. Its clubs have had success in maintaining interest between elections. No other party has made so much use of the party convention (in 28 years, the Liberals have had no convention, in 21 years the Conservatives have had three).

Top Honors

Professor Dawson does not say so, but his reader can hardly help concluding that in honesty, seriousness, and democracy, the C.C.F. easily takes top honors.

Among Professor Dawson's criticisms applicable to the C.C.F. is the practice of dealing too briefly with too many convention resolutions and the danger of hobnobbing, nagging, or goading beyond reason the elected representatives of the party or the people. The bounds of practicability must be kept in view, and a party should give large trust and considerable latitude to those whose job it is to speak and act for it.

Meet March 20

British, French Laborites To Discuss Marshall Plan

OTTAWA (CPA)—The British Labor and the French Socialist parties have called a meeting of European socialists to consider the Marshall Plan, according to the C.C.F. delegate who attended the January 10th meeting in London of the Committee of the International Socialist Conference.

The issue was raised at the conference by Norwegian delegates who voiced the strong desire of western European socialists to discuss jointly the economic reconstruction of their countries should American aid be granted. Objection was voiced by some of those eastern European socialists parties whose countries have denounced the Marshall Plan.

C.C.F. Representative

Following the conference the British and French parties took the lead in calling the meeting for March 20th. It is likely that the C.C.F. will participate, through its London delegate to the Interna-

tional Socialist Conference.

Immediately following the announcement of the proposed meeting, the Polish delegate to the International Socialist Conference announced a counter-move by eastern European socialists, who will meet in Warsaw to consider, "European reconstruction by Europe's own efforts without the Marshall Plan."

Despite the sharp split thus made evident, the international socialist organization is proceeding with its plan to convene another general conference in Vienna in June.

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Armed Arabs Move On



Loaded in a truck, a squad of armed Arabs leaves Hebron, Palestine, for Jerusalem to carry on the undeclared war against Jews. The bitter fighting in the Holy Land has raised demands from many quarters for a United Nations international police force to keep the peace.

HOLY LAND

By Clifford E. Lee

SIX million Jews died in Europe during the war. It was a case of diabolically planned and inhumanly executed mass murder, nothing less. But it took place while flowing blood was commonplace; the crime did not register as it might. Since hostilities ceased the horrible story has been unravelled in proven fact. Some of the criminals have been brought to justice. But the trials stretched into boredom and people were busy wrestling with post-war economic problems. The plain fact is that the full horror of the plans to exterminate a whole race of people has never struck us as strongly as it should have.



Here was the harvest of a generation of education designed to make men animals. The victims might have been, and often were, the Negroes, the Catholics, the Socialists, even the bankers. This time humans trained to behave as animals set out to destroy the Jewish people. They almost succeeded. 640,000 Jews lived in Germany proper when the Nazis came to power in 1933. By the middle of 1944 only 20,000 remained. Hitler had come within 4% of his boast of wiping them all out.

The future of those who are left in Europe today is the subject of the most bitter post-war controversy. The Jews want a homeland where, as a group, they can be masters of their own destiny. They have lost their faith in our world. And who can blame them? In Europe anti-Semitism is not dead, merely suppressed. Vile lessons, taught for a generation, are not speedily unlearned. Britain has its Mosley and its Major Douglas. United States has its Gerald K. Smith. And Canada has Members of Parliament who support both. Dr. Weismann, Zionist leader, has declared: "Hitler may have lost the war, but as far as the Jews are concerned he won a total victory."

Want Own Homeland

So the Jew, as would you or I, has given us up. At least 95% of those who survived in Europe do not want to emigrate to Britain, or United States, or Canada. They want their own homeland and for historic reasons their choice is Palestine. If we had half as much shame and sense of responsibility for Hitler as we ought, or even ordinary humanitarianism towards his most tragic victims, we would be exhibiting much more sympathy and desire to understand the Palestine issues. For the Jewish problem is part of a much broader

one of making our military victory pay off in terms of a more decent world.

Balfour Declaration

In November 1917, by the Balfour Declaration, the British government said it "views with favor the establishment of a national Jewish home." Understanding that declaration to represent the intentions of the British, the League of Nations gave them the mandate over Palestine in the peace that followed World War I. History seems to bear out the assumption that the Jews were to attain a majority in the country and control the government; provision was made for protection of the rights of the Arab minority.

Desperate People

However the purpose of the mandate was never realized, and the years rolled by. Finally in 1939, the year of opposing Fascism generally, the British, by White Paper, set up a quota system for the admission of Jews to the Holy Land. Hitler's murders had started and getting out of Europe was a matter of life and death for Jews. But the White Paper set a maximum of 75,000 on their entry into Palestine, spread over a five year period. The mandates commission of the League of Nations found this contrary to the terms under which Britain obtained the mandate, which required them to facilitate Jewish immigration. What the restricted quota meant in more fuel for Hitler's cremation furnaces we now know.

And we should remember as we view the deplorable violence in Palestine today that here are a thoroughly desperate people who do not view themselves as "illegal immigrants" at all. To them the British are the lawbreakers flouting the terms of their mandate. Many imminent lawyers, in point of law, agree with them.

A Better Case

Many believe that you cannot act in aid of one group without hurting another. I do not subscribe to that view, but in a competitive society there is much to support it. However if we must choose between the interests of Arab and Jew a good basis of choice would be their record of social achievement in the area. Any way you look at it it is easy to go along with the late Wendell Willkie. He said: "The Arabs have a good case in Palestine. But the Jews have a better case."

There is no democracy in Arab lands. 95% of the people live as serfs in filth, disease, and ignorance. There is no middle class. The other 5% own the wealth, live in arrogant ease, and rule the country. The evidence seems to indicate that the 95% at the bottom with everything to gain and nothing to

A BIT OF Nonsense

Her mother had taken great pains to conceal the bottle of perfume she had tried to smuggle home from her holiday trip to France, and all seemed to be going well. The customs official had nearly finished searching the last case and she was trying to look unconcerned, when:

Oh-h, Mummy," said her little daughter excitedly, "he's getting warm isn't he."

A guest conductor was driven crazy at rehearsals because at least one member of the orchestra was always missing. After the last rehearsal, he tapped for attention and said: "I want to thank the first violinist publicly for being the only man in the orchestra who had the decency to attend every rehearsal."

The first violinist hung his head.

"It seemed the least I could do," he said in a deprecating tone. "You see, I don't expect to show up for the concert tonight!"

lose have little quarrel with the Jews.

Top man in the Arab world is the Grand Mufti. He fled Jerusalem during the war, consorted with the Nazis, was implicated in some of their butchery, and in simple justice deserved to be tried with the other butchers at Nuremberg. But he had an ace up his sleeve. Some of the Arab states have fabulous deposits of oil. Wherever there is oil look for skulduggery in high places! At the United Nations conference in 1945 the Saudi Arabian delegates in their picturesque robes were guided around San Francisco by important-looking gentlemen in business suits—officials of Standard Oil of California.

Show Up Arab Chieftans

By contrast with Arab areas the Jewish settlements are heavy only. They are busily reclaiming the lands the Arab princes allowed to drift back into desert. They are conducting agricultural research on a large scale; their health facilities are modern. They are giving a new meaning to the adjective in "Holy Land". From the standpoint of social achievement they are showing up the Arab chieftans for the feudal barons they are.

But I think their strongest case is this: Here are a people persecuted beyond belief, first and foremost victims of heinous Nazism. They saw their babies stuck with bayonets, their elders destroyed like diseased cattle in death factories set up for the purpose. They themselves were kept alive only to act as slaves as long as their strength lasted.

Young people with memories like that require special treatment. Settled living for them for some time will be psychologically impossible; the attempt would be an invitation to mental breakdown. The hope is that they can achieve forgetfulness in the hard physical labor of creating a homeland out of the desert, in the inspiration of co-operative living in one spot in the world in which they can feel they belong.

We owe them a chance to apply that remedy. It would do the rest of us good to see them at it; it might be good for our souls if we helped them to do it. For we should make some attempt for the fact that a man, physically like us, became a Hitler.

Jim Corbett was telling the story of his life and said: "When I left home my father warned me: 'Remember, a rolling stone gathers no moss.'"

"But when I returned after a successful career, he changed his tune to: 'Just as I told you, son, it's the wandering bee that gathers honey.'"

PERSONAL STUFF

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prise". Imagine, if you can, the late William Aberhart being asked a dozen years ago to speak to such a body on such a subject! The transformation is complete. Back in 1935 Mr. Aberhart and Mr. Manning engaged in those delightful dialogues on the radio in which they used as their chief text a book called, "Who Owns Canada?" The chief theme of the book was the "Fifty Big Shots" who controlled the economic life of Canada. The people were evangelized to rally to the banner of Social Credit in its fight against the Fifty Big Shots. And they rallied. Boy, how they rallied! Well, a new edition of "Who Owns Canada?" is now being circulated. But not by Social Credit. Instead, the head of the Social Credit government is busy warning the Chambers of Commerce of the "Challenge to Free Enterprise" which is contained in such subversive documents as "Who Owns Canada?"—which still dares to tell Canadians about the Fifty Big Shots!

There is one thing I like about the government's present attitude. It isn't even trying to kid the troops any more. When you listen to the Minister of Lands and Mines on the radio, for example, he doesn't try to make noises like the 1935 Social Credit radicals. He talks exactly like the public relations officer of the oil companies and no fooling about it. No hint of any "Fifty Big Shots" in the background ever creeps in to his language or tone. Indeed, his listeners are given reason to understand that such big shots as there are engaged in oil development in Alberta are really philanthropic chappies who are here spending millions of dollars for the sole benefit of the people of the province.

Back in 1944 the government was playing both ends against the middle. Although the switch of allegiance from the people to the Big Shots had already taken place, the members of the government were still talking radically. They were still taking the odd healthy swing at Big Business. So they got support from the Big Shots, and from those who still wanted to do something about the Big Shots. But it should be easier for the people to detect the fraud this

time. The mask has slipped almost entirely off. It probably was hanging over one of Mr. Low's ears as he and his fellow directors of Gold-Uranium Exploration Limited received the guests at that charming Sunday afternoon "informal gathering" in their suite at the Royal York. "Cocktails and Buffet Supper will be Served!"

C.C.F. Leader

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torship, including Communist dictatorship. We abhor Communist methods in crushing political position whenever and wherever Communists become the dominant force in a country".

Coldwell's Statement

Mr. Coldwell's complete statement follows:

"In the 1945 elections, Canada's communist party—the L.P.P.—called on the Canadian people to support Mackenzie King and the Liberals. Today the party has switched its line again, and is now declaring its support for the C.C.F. "It is clear to me that the new switch in the Communist line is an admission of the utter failure of the Labor-Progressive Party to make any progress in Canada and of its loss of support, even in those trade unions in which the communists have had dominant control hitherto. They are apparently trying to halt their party's decline by seeking to identify themselves with the C.C.F."

C.C.F. Position Clear

"Naturally, what Canadian Communists decide to do is entirely up to them. But I want to make the position of the C.C.F. crystal clear. That position has been stated and re-stated by national and provincial conventions throughout the years.

"The C.C.F. will not collaborate with the Labor-Progressive Party in any way, direct or indirect. It will not enter into any electoral arrangements with it or with any other party, whether on a national, provincial, or constituency basis.

Fundamental Difference

"There is a fundamental difference between the C.C.F. methods and philosophy and those of the Communists. We have always opposed, and oppose today, every form of dictatorship, including Communist dictatorship. We abhor Communist methods in crushing political opposition whenever and wherever Communists become the

dominant force in a country.

"We know that at bottom the Communists have not changed their views about the C.C.F. and democratic socialism. They have always declared democratic socialist movements to be their principal enemy and their ultimate objective is to "liquidate" such movements as the C.C.F."

"The present Communist policy is therefore just a manoeuvre. The C.C.F. will have nothing to do with it."

Contesting Levy

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right of the province of Saskatchewan.

Phelps Comments

The action is expected to be heard in the Saskatchewan Court of King's Bench in February. At the suggestion that he might therefore spend part of the legislative session and possibly an election campaign in jail, pugnacious Mr. Phelps grimly remarked, "That would be all right with me. The main thing is that, after fighting these big interests for years, we've finally got them to come out in the open where we can get at them."

The light of battle has also replaced the usual twinkle in the eye of Attorney General Corman (whose department, ironically enough, appoints the Sheriff for Regina Judicial District). The entire cabinet rolled up its executive sleeves for the battle.

Preliminary Sparring

Previous moves had been only preliminary sparring. When the special session of the Saskatchewan legislature in October, 1944, following election of a C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan, had passed several acts which threatened Big Business privileges in Saskatchewan, a group of the largest corporations in the country appealed to the federal government to disallow the Local Government Board (Special Powers) Act, the Farm Security Act, and the Mineral Taxation Act.

Batted It Back

Especially objecting to the latter were the Hudson's Bay Company and the C.P.R., both of which have extensive holdings of mineral rights in Saskatchewan. But the federal government, wisely wishing to go no burnt fingers, batted this political hot potato right back into the companies' gloves.

H.B.C. officials sighed, heavily, and paid their taxes. The C.P.R. has pouted over the "injustice" for two years and appears now to have made its decision to get the thing over with.

The C.P.R.'s holdings of mineral rights in the province total 3,592,151 acres. The company has paid taxes on 487,627 acres, "under protest". The surveyed portions of the remainder have been declared to revert to the Crown, in forfeit for non-payment of the tax.

In the present action, it hopes to get back the money it has paid in taxes, and the rights it has lost, and obtain permanent relief from the tax, by having the act declared ultra vires of the province.

The statement of claim filed by the C.P.R. and four subsidiaries protests that the tax of three cents per acre on undeveloped holdings, and 10 cents on the assessed value of the minerals (or 50 cents per acre) on producing areas, is "prohibitive", and that the government made it so for the "purpose of confiscation of the estates of the plaintiffs under the guise of taxation".

Claims Indirect Taxation

The company further claims that the rate of taxation has prevented it from paying taxes on all but that portion of its holdings where it had "commitments to mining and exploration companies".

The company's ground for ruling the act ultra vires is that it imposes indirect taxation, which provinces, under the British

Petrillo Wins



After being acquitted by a Chicago federal judge of violating the anti-labor Lea Act, Pres. James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) is congratulated by his lawyer, Daniel Carmel. This decision finally closes the case that started more than a year ago.

Shoe Costs Run Away



Postman Leonard Bolen and his wife relax outside the Senate civil service commission office where hearings are under way on proposed increases for postal workers. Claiming that he can't foot his bills any more without a wage boost, Bolen said he spent \$49 on shoes last year—almost double in cost since his last raise.

Alberta Loses

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reserve for the province in the Leduc field Crown lands at least equal in area to those leased to the major oil companies", Mr. Roper said. "Our aim was to get for the people of the province at least a fifty-fifty break with the oil companies. The government said it couldn't be done. But now, on the two small tracts which hadn't been gobbled up by the big corporations, the government is to get a 70-30 split," he pointed out.

Scores of Millions

"Think of the scores of millions of dollars which would have come to the province if half of the Leduc field had been retained by the government to be put up for tender, or better still, developed by public ownership," the C.C.F. leader said.

The stake in the forthcoming

North America Act, are not empowered to do.

Actually, the tax is levied on the property concerned, on a basis commonly used by provincial and municipal governments. Hardest to understand is how the company can call the tax of three cents per acre "prohibitive" when Alberta has had similar legislation at the rate of five cents per acre for over five years, under the Alberta Mineral Taxation Act, although a levy of only 1½ cents per acre has been made.

provincial election is the greatest on which any provincial election since confederation has been decided, said Mr. Roper.

"It is a tremendous stake for the oil monopoly but just as big a one for the people of Alberta," he said. "There will be millions spent by the oil interests to keep the hold they now have, but the people have a stronger weapon than money. They can save their resources with their votes", he declared.

The C.C.F. leader also attacked the government on what he called incompetence and inefficiency in administration, evidences of which he said were in the courts in several lawsuits.

"I haven't been able to find any lawyer who really believes that taxpayers have received nearly fifty million dollars worth of roads for the nearly fifty million dollars Mr. Fallow has spent in the past 12 years", Mr. Roper said.

"Throughout the province there is growing evidence that the people have made up their minds that it is time for a change", he said.

"It's hopeless, Bill," groaned the managing editor of an American newspaper noted for its lurid sensationalism. "Nothing scandalous has happened for twenty-four hours. What'll we do for the front page?"

"Ah, don't get discouraged, Bert," said the city editor consolingly. "Something'll happen. I've still got faith in human nature."

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